



Northeast Climate Hub

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Mitigation Workshop Draft Agenda

National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705

March 23 & 24, 2016

Purpose: To understand the challenges to implementing the *Greenhouse Gas Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture & Forestry* within the Northeast and discuss opportunities to overcome those challenges and expand the effectiveness of USDA in reducing GHG loads in the Northeast.

Workshop Day 1, March 23rd:

- 8:15 am Registration (self-paced review of workshop package, coffee/light refreshments will be available)
- 9:00 am Welcome and Overview of the Workshop Process
- 9:20 am Overview of the Northeast Landscape
- 9:55 am Introduction to the National USDA GHG Mitigation Strategy
- 10:40 am Break
- 11:00 am Multitrack Session I: Application of GHG Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture in the Northeast
 - Track 1: Soil Health and Nitrogen Stewardship
 - Track 2: Grazing and Pasture Lands
 - Track 3: Energy Generation and Efficiency, and Livestock Partnership
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Multitrack Session I Report outs
- 2:00 pm Multitrack Session II: Select Farming Systems in the Northeast
 - Track 1: Beef and Dairy
 - Track 2: Field Crops
 - Track 3: Agroforestry and Organics
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:40 pm Multitrack Session II Report outs
- 4:10 pm Open Discussion: *Response to, concerns of, and opportunities from the day's sessions*
- 4:45 pm Day 1 Summary and Close
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

Workshop Day 2, March 24th:

8:30 am	Self-paced Review of Workshop Updates (coffee/light refreshments will be available)
9:00 am	Welcome and Overview of Day 2 Workshop Process
9:20 am	Open Discussion: Opportunity to share any thoughts from previous day's sessions
9:45 am	Multitrack Session III: Distinctive Challenges and Opportunities at the Regional Scale in the Northeast Track 1: Economic and Social Factors Impacting Agriculture GHG Mitigation Track 2: Land Use Conversion, Local and Regional Food Distribution, and Food Waste Track 3: Sub-Urban and Urban Food Production (<i>aquaponics, vertical farming, greenhouses, farmettes, farm to school...</i>)
11:15 am	Break
11:25 am	Multitrack Session III Report outs
12:00 pm	Open Discussion: Distinctive Challenges and Opportunities in the Northeast
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Overview of the Afternoon's Workshop Process
1:40 pm	Open Discussion: Identify synergies, gaps, and incongruences across tracks
2:40 pm	Open Discussion: Incongruences between mitigation and adaption
3:00 pm	Open Discussion: Remaining issues, next steps, and development of working groups
3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm	Points of contact discuss next steps, organization of webinars, general technical report, and white paper
5:00 pm	Adjourn